

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 46, line 24 to page 47, line 8 of the specification to read as follows:

The polymeric material which can be utilized to create the filtering element include, but is not limited to, polyurethane and Gortex, a commercially available material. Other possible suitable materials include ePTFE. The material can be elastic or non-elastic. The wall thickness of the filtering element can be about 0.001 -0.005 inches. The wall thickness may vary depending on the particular material selected. The filtering element thus forms a thin membrane, film or sheet having a plurality of perfusion openings formed therein to filter allow blood to flow therethrough but to filter embolic material. The material can be made into a cone or similarly sized shape utilizing blow-mold technology. The perfusion openings can be any different shape or size. A laser, a heated rod or other process can be utilized to create to perfusion openings in the filter material. The holes, would of course be properly sized to catch the particular size of embolic debris of interest. Holes can be lazed in a spinal pattern with some similar pattern which will aid in the re-wrapping of the media during closure of the vice. Additionally, the filter material can have a “set” put in it much like the “set” used in dilatation balloons to make the filter element re-wrap more easily when placed in the collapsed position.